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Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 405

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th February 1871.

No. 218. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 30th January 1871, No. 2,800 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order, No. 209, of the 24th instant.

2. With reference to my being required to furnish a medical certificate, "that an immediate change of climate is necessary" for my health, I beg to represent that the Zillah Surgeon has informed me that he is quite prepared to recommend a change to the hills or sea-coast, as I have been unwell now for the last two months.

3. But as Government have intimated that Captain Ryves is to relieve me of the "more arduous duty of charge of the Superintending Engineer's Office," I shall, as desired, enter on the duty to which I have been specially appointed, and conduct it as well as the state of my health admits.

4. I have the honour to request that I may be favoured with some specific instructions respecting the prosecution of Mr. Colquhoun.

5. The allegations contained in my letter of the 1st August 1870, No. 1,217, have all been investigated departmentally, and duly reported upon by Captain Oakes. I beg to know whether I am to lay the report and its enclosures before the Commissioner appointed by Government in G. O., No. 90, of 13th instant; also, if I am to take up any criminal matter, I request that a duly qualified officer may be deputed to assist me in drawing up the charges, etc., in the mode prescribed by Act XXXVII. of 1850.

6. In conclusion, I have the honour to state respectfully that in the G. O. under reply (No. 209 of 24th instant), no notice is taken of the order I quoted in my telegram, dated 18th instant, namely, No. 67, of 10th January 1871.

7. It was in consequence of this order that I considered it right to tender my resignation of my appointment in the Public Works Department. The order was very discouraging, for, although the accusation of my having taken advantage of the liberality of Government is, I presume, withdrawn, the following paragraph (4) scarcely modifies at all the charge of neglect of duty; and hence my wish to be permitted to leave a department in the transaction of the arduous duties of which I am still considered to have shown neglect.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1871, No. 405.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

MAJOR Payne will learn from G. O., No. 388, dated 8th instant, that his services as prosecutor before the Special Commissioner, appointed in Proceedings of Government under date 13th January 1871, No. 90, for the trial of certain charges against Mr. Colquhoun, are no longer required.

2. The Government are not disposed further to pursue the subject of paragraph 7.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Major G. M. Payne, Executive Engineer, Palamcottah.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

MAJOR G. M. PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

Dated February, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 9th February 1871, *No.* 405.

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Nos. 218-219

Major Payne.—Passing orders on the letter from Major Payne requesting instructions regarding the prosecution of Mr. Sub-Engineer Colquhoun, and stating the reasons for resigning his appointment in the Public Works Department.

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No 2800 Palamcottah
30th Jany 1871.

From,
Major G. M. Payne
Actg Supg Engr 8th D.
To,
Col. C. A. Orr R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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Sir
Your most obt. Servant
G. M. Payne Major
Acting Supg. Engr.
8th Divn.

PWD 1871 Dept.
Pro. of Govt. for Feby
No. 528.

From Major G. M. Payne
Act. Sup. Eng 8th Dn

To Col. C. A. Orr R.E.
Secy to Govt P. W. D.

Dated 30th Jany 1871.
Recd: 4th Feby/71.

No 2800

Enclosures —

Replies to G. O No 209
of 24th Jany 1871. Requests
certain instructions regardg
prosecution of Mr Colquhoun

No. 485 – 9th Feby/71

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No. 405 Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Major G. M. Payne
Executive Engineer

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 9 Feby 1871, No. 405

Nos. 218 & 219

Major Payne. Passing orders on the letter from Major Payne reporting his instructions regarding the prosecution of Mr Sub Engr Colquhoun & stating the reasons for requiring his appointment in the P. W. Deptt.